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SUBJECT: LAGOS CONFERENCE: LETTER FROM SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TO PRESIDENT OF LAGOS CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE, CIRCULATED AUGUST 22 AS UN
SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT S/12383 (DATED AUGUST 19, 1977),
FROM SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LEPRETTE (PERM REP OF
FRANCE) TO THE PRESIDENT OF LAGOS CONFERENCE.

QUOTE

NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WISHES TO BRING
TO THE NOTICE OF MEMBER STATES THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
SENT B HIM TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE
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FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHIED, TO BE HELD AT LAGOS
FROM 22 TO 26 AUGUST 1977:

"BY BRINGING TOGETHER IN LAGOS SO MANY EMINENT PART-
ICIPANTS, THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID
IS DEMONSTRATING THE SERIOUS CONCERN OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNITY OVER THE POLICY OF APARTHEID. THAT

POLICY, FOUNDED ON AN UNACCEPTABLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MAN AND MAN AND FOR THAT REASON OFFENSIVE TO HUMAN DIGNITY, IS AN INSULT TO THE PRUPOSES AND VALUES DEFENDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. THERE CAN BE NO ONE WHO DOES NOT SEE THAT A REGIME WHICH MAKES HUMAN RIGHTS DEPENDENT ON ETHNIC ORIGIN IS CONTRARY TO ALL DEMOCRACY AND MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE CENTURY-OLD EFFORTS TO SECURE RECOGNITION OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL MEN.

"THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS REPEATEDLY HAD TO EXPRESS ITS INDIGNATION AGAINST THE ODIOS NATURE AND ABSURDITY OF APARTHEID.

"JUST OVER A YEAR AGO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, FOLLOWING THE BRUTAL REPRESSION OF THE SOWETO UPRISINGS, ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESOLUTION 392 (1976), WHICH EXPRESSES ITS INDIGNATION AT A POLICY WHICH IS AN INSULT TO ALL MANKIND. IN THAT RESOLUTION THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED THAT POLICY OF APARTHEID WAS A CRIME AGAINST THE CONSCIENCE AND DIGNITY OF MANKIND AND SERIOUSLY DISTURBED INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IT ALL RECOGNIZED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID AND CALLED UPON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT URGENTLY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST THE AFRICAN PEOPLE AND TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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"THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BY CONSTANTLY EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE, RIGHTLY, STRUGGLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, IS ADDING ITS VOICE TO THOSE OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO ARE DEMANDING JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THE INSTITUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA OF A REGIME OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL CITIZENS IS A MATTER OF URGENCY. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR VERY LEGITIMATE CONCERN AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CHANGES REQUIRED IF A SOCIETY CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, I SENT YOU MY MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR THE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID, WHICH WILL, I AM CONVINCED, GREATLY HELP TO HASTEN THE ELIMINATION OF THAT SCOURGE."

(SIGNED)"JACQUES LEPRETTE
"PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL" UNQUOTE

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